

## **Minutes**

### **Asheville City Council - Public Safety Committee**

**October 2, 2007 – 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**

### **Fourth Floor Municipal Building Training Room**

*“Operationally Aware – Policy Focused”*

**Present:** Council Members: Dr. Carl Mumpower, Chair; Jan Davis  
Staff: Jeff Richardson, William Hogan, Greg Grayson, Scott Burnette,  
Curt Euler

**Absent:** Council Member: Bryan Freeborn

- **Approval of September Minutes**
  - The committee by consensus approved the September meeting minutes.
- **Police Oversight**
  - Three cities in North Carolina have been enabled by the NC legislature to have a citizen review board process. However, even with this system the public is not privy to the information the review board collects.
  - Asheville Police’s policy is to call in the State Bureau of Investigation to investigate all matters involving a police shooting, even though this is not required by state law. The Federal Bureau of Investigation may also be called to investigate.
  - The District Attorney makes determinations of any possible criminal charges. The City Manager’s office ultimately makes determinations of administrative actions needed.
  - It was recommended that communication about the process to the public and the Police Advisory Committee be strengthened.
  - The Committee was not supportive of a police oversight board with the ability to investigate personnel matters, as this arrangement is currently illegal by State law.
  - The Committee asked that this item be brought before Council as soon as possible.
- **DSU Patrol/Housing Authority Monthly Report**
  - This item was continued until the November 13 meeting.
- **Review of Progress 911 PSAP Joint Communications Center**
  - The PSAP staff planning group is now meeting and discussing specific details at the operational level.
- **Civic Center Concert Action Plan**
  - There was discussion regarding the role of security personnel at the Civic Center and what their responsibilities are, whether they know their

responsibilities, whether they are given clear direction, and what exactly they are to be looking for.

- It was stated that they do know their responsibilities and the City Manager's office will write a memo to the Civic Center Director to give clear direction regarding the duties of security personnel.
- Suggestions were made that the Civic Center Commission should take a more active role in regulating security personnel and also that certain doors or areas should be designated for bag searches.
- It was suggested that personal as well as bag searches might be done, but it was determined that this would not be legal.

- **Civil Penalty Options with Prostitution/Ban on Sex Offenders in Parks**

- This item was continued until the November 13 meeting.

- **Public Comment**

- No public comment.

- **Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

- **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, November 13, 2007 – 7:00 am to 8:00 am

- **Tentative Agenda for Tuesday, November 13, 2007**

- The committee asked that the following items be placed on next month's agenda:
  - Approval of October committee minutes
  - Police Oversight
  - DSU/Patrol/Housing Authority Monthly Report (recurring monthly agenda item)
  - Review of Progress 911 PSAP Joint Communications Center (recurring monthly agenda item)
  - Civic Center Concert Action Plan
  - Civil Penalty Options with Prostitution – Council Policy Initiative
  - Ban on Sex Offenders in Parks
  - Gang Activity and Culturally-Supported Misbehavior
  - Public Comment

- **Future Agenda Items**

- Adult Bookstores
- Strategies for strengthening relations with court systems
- Update on Pursuit Policy Changes